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SPECIAL FLAX MARKET REVIEW

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HEAVY USAGE OF U. S. FLAXSEED IN FIRST QUARTER OF 1940-41

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Utilization of United States flaxseed during the first three months of the 1940-41 crop year was materially above the corresponding period in other recent years and reflected increased activity at crushing plants and smaller imports of foreign seed, according to the Federal-State Market News Service. Mills crushed around 6,943,000 bushels of flaxseed of which about 5,631,000 bushels apparently represented domestic grain since imports of foreign seed amounted to only 1,312,000 bushels during the quarter. During July through September last season total crushings amounted to 6,814,000 bushels including 3,728,000 bushels of domestic seed and 3,086,000 bushels of foreign seed. Two years back mills crushed 5,043,000 bushels which represented only 1,432,000 bushels of United States flaxseed and imports of 3,561,000 bushels.

Commercial supplies at the beginning of the 1940-41 season were the largest of recent record and despite the relatively heavy distribution during the first quarter, flaxseed supplies remaining at October 1st were still materially above average. Total supplies of domestic seed were placed at 26,988,000 bushels against 16,977,000 bushels at October 1, 1939 and 7,488,000 bushels two years back.

Distribution of linseed oil during the July-September quarter amounted to 153,136,000 pounds or about 1,177,000 pounds more than during the corresponding months last season. Factory consumption was placed at 101,652,000 pounds and exports 1,119,000 pounds, representing increases of 13,344,000 pounds and 701,000 pounds, respectively, compared with a year ago. Other domestic disappearance, however, decreased around 12,868,000 pounds and amounted to 50,365,000 pounds. Stocks of linseed oil in factories and warehouses at October 1st amounted to 115,135,000 pounds against 112,629,000 pounds a year ago and 113,046,000 pounds two years back.

TABLE 1. FLAXSEED: SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION, UNITED STATES

	5-Year	5-Year			Preliminary
	Average	Average	1937-38	1938-39	1939-40
	1926-27	1931-32			1940-41
	1930-31	1935-36			
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	Bushels	Bushels	Bushels	Bushels	Bushels
Factory stocks, July 1	3,033	1,279	2,484	1,472	1,958
Market stocks, July 1	879	731	630	552	285
Farm stocks, July 1	643	426	225	175	53
Total carry-over, July 1	4,555	2,436	3,339	2,199	2,296
United States production	20,084	10,070	7,089	8,152	20,330
Total supply	24,639	12,506	10,428	10,351	22,626
Seed requirements	1,787	1,186	588	1,381	1,921
Domestic commercial supply	22,852	11,320	9,840	8,970	20,705
Imports, July-September	3,269	3,712	5,325	3,561	3,086
Supply for quarter	26,121	15,032	15,165	12,531	23,791
Crushings, July-September	8,472	5,543	7,666	5,043	6,814
Supplies remaining, October 1	17,649	9,489	7,499	7,483	16,977
Imports, October-December	4,292	3,453	5,153	4,420	2,179
Supply for quarter	21,941	12,942	12,652	11,908	19,156
Crushings, October-December	10,463	6,344	7,754	7,206	8,736
Supplies remaining, January 1	11,478	6,598	4,898	4,703	10,420
Imports, January-March	5,127	3,403	4,719	6,391	4,793
Supply for quarter	16,605	10,001	9,617	11,093	15,213
Crushings, January-March	9,659	5,552	6,461	7,112	7,892
Supplies remaining, April 1	6,946	4,449	3,156	3,981	7,321
Imports, April-June	5,971	3,169	2,664	4,372	3,154
Supply for quarter	12,917	7,618	5,820	8,353	10,475
Crushings, April-June	8,602	4,828	3,989	6,207	6,637
Supplies remaining or unaccounted for June 30	4,315	2,790	1,831	2,146	3,838
Split-up stocks, June 30:					
Factory and warehouse	2,731	1,484	1,472	1,958	3,148
In terminal markets	779	719	552	285	665
On farms	599	402	175	53	98
Unaccounted for	206	185	368	150	73

Compiled from official data of the Agricultural Marketing Service and the United States Department of Commerce.

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TABLE 2. LINSEED OIL: SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION, UNITED STATES

	5-Year	Average	Average	1926-27	1931-32	1937-38	1938-39	1939-40	1940-41
	Pounds								
Factory and warehouse stocks, July 1	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Production, July-September									
Imports, July-September	118	1,201	53	16	12	1			
Total supply for quarter	298,444	209,164	293,793	244,355	254,568	268,371			
Exports, July-September	583	240	256	395	418	1,119			
Factory consumption, July-September	116,526	65,627	93,627	60,702	68,308	101,652			
Other domestic disappearance	74,692	39,237	57,005	50,212	62,233	50,365			
Total disappearance, July-Sept.	191,801	105,104	150,882	131,309	151,959	153,136			
Factory and warehouse stocks, Oct. 1	106,643	104,060	142,905	113,046	112,629	115,135			
Production, October-December									
Imports, October-December	736	1,085	98	16	6				
Total supply for quarter	300,239	225,591	293,455	252,168	278,785				
Exports, October-December	514	217	183	113	1,841				
Factory consumption, October-December	102,281	57,497	67,411	72,332	88,287				
Other domestic disappearance	41,361	29,030	34,358	37,920	46,200				
Total disappearance, Oct.-December	144,156	86,744	101,952	110,365	136,728				
Factory and warehouse stocks, Jan. 1	156,083	138,847	191,483	141,803	142,157				
Production, January-March									
Imports, January-March	447	242	50	12	—				
Total supply for quarter	335,061	243,247	317,120	281,034	292,651				
Exports, January-March	500	229	162	172	1,180				
Factory consumption, January-March	104,965	57,112	63,358	76,511	85,526				
Other domestic disappearance	49,864	29,782	30,481	42,954	33,148				
Total disappearance, January-March	155,329	87,134	94,004	119,637	119,854				
Factory and warehouse stocks, April 1	179,732	156,124	223,119	161,337	172,900				
Production, April-June									
Imports, April-June	1,593	466	41	19	1				
Total supply for quarter	340,381	243,674	300,673	236,229	301,184				
Exports, April-June	484	147	220	135	1,112				
Factory consumption, April-June	121,520	77,090	82,059	91,869	98,977				
Other domestic disappearance	87,441	56,129	72,432	63,975	65,214				
Total disappearance, April-June	209,445	133,363	154,741	155,879	161,303				
Factory and warehouse stocks, June 30	130,956	115,508	145,922	130,250	132,831				

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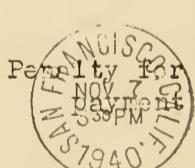
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